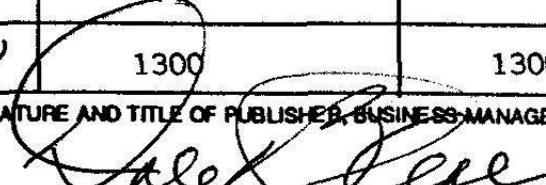


## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Lake Preston Times		2. DATE OF FILING Sept. 22, 2000	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE weekly		3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$21.20 & \$26.50
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 301 N. Main, Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, SD 57249-0368			
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6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Dale Blegen			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME Dale Blegen, P.O. Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069 COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS			
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September

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